

**DETAILED AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS**

**In the Specification**

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Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 26 to 28 as follows:

Figures 5 through [7A] 8A, in combination, show an alternative piercing die assembly of the present invention;

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, lines 11 to 16 as follows:

Figures 3C through 3E show an alternative embodiment of a cutting blade of a piercing element 30'. More particularly, these Figures show a cylindrical blade 34' having angled surfaces 36' that form cutting or piercing edge 38'. The angled surface 36' is preferably arcuate.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 14 and 18 as follows: